

Pappas Telecasting  
Companies'  
'donation' of  
\$325,000 in airtime  
to Republican  
candidates in  
certain areas is yet  
another example of a  
powerful media group  
abusing its  
privileged access to  
the public airwaves.

The public interest  
is not served when a  
media group decides  
to provide a louder  
voice to just one  
side in local  
elections. During  
election season,  
local audiences  
should be offered  
genuine debate --  
not disingenuous  
offers to "purchase"  
an equal amount of  
response time.

Pappas uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Pappas'  
actions are legally  
questionable and  
cast doubt on  
whether Pappas truly  
intends to serve the  
public interest.  
Their actions show  
why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them.  
Further, their  
actions demonstrate  
why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than just a  
returned postcard.  
Thank you.